GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

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RESEARCH CENTRE FOR HAND MADE PAPER
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to set up a research centre at Hyderabad to promote manufacture/ sale/ awareness/ use of hand made paper/ stationery in the States as assured in the hand made paper buyer seller meet organized by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission and United National Development Programme held at Hyderabad during the last week of September 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which such research centre is likely to set-up and made functional?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANJAY GAUTAM)

(a) & (b): The Hand Made Paper Institute at Sanganer, Jaipur, Rajasthan caters to the Research and Development needs for the entire country including Andhra Pradesh. Therefore, there is no fresh proposal for setting up a Research Centre at Hyderabad. The Khadi and Village Industries Board, Andhra Pradesh is being assisted by Khadi and Village Industries Commission to train people in use of hand made paper products and awareness etc. A Common Facilities Centre has been set up in Mehboob Nagar district under Khadi and Village Industries Commission and United National Development Programme Project to promote manufacture of hand made paper and value addition thereof apart from training of entrepreneurs.

(c): Does not arise in view of answer at (a) & (b) above.